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By Messenger

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Re: CC Docket No. 00-257

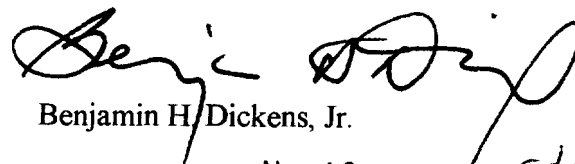
Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to the streamlined procedures established in the Commission's First Report and Order in the above-referenced docket, issued May 15, 2001, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company ("South Slope") hereby provides notice of its acquisition of the Amana, Iowa exchange from Amana Colonies Telephone Company d/b/a Hickory Tech. The acquisition will become effective August 6, 2001.

Attached please find a letter from J.R. Brumley, the Chief Executive Officer of South Slope, describing the planned transfer of the Amana exchange's subscribers to South Slope and certifying South Slope compliance with the Commission's streamlined transfer and customer notification requirements. In addition, attached please also find South Slope's intended notice to the customers that will be affected by the transaction, which has been drafted in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's rules.

If contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.

Attachments

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# The South Slope Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.

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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

July 6, 2001

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with the Commission's Order in the above-referenced docket, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) hereby notifies the Commission that it will acquire the Amana, Iowa exchange from Amana Colonies Telephone Company d/b/a HickoryTech, effective August 6, 2001. As a result of the sale, the local exchange service of all subscribers in the Amana exchange will be changed to South Slope. There is no alternative local service provider and, therefore, the subscriber notification letter does not inform subscribers that they have the right to select a different preferred local carrier. The toll services of all subscribers will remain unchanged unless the subscriber requests otherwise.

South Slope hereby certifies that it will comply with the requirements to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process. A copy of the notice, which was sent to all affected subscribers on July 6, 2001, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J.R. Brumley  
Chief Executive Officer

July 6, 2001

Dear Valued Customer:

Welcome! South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company would like to welcome you as a new customer.

South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) has reached an agreement to buy the facilities serving Amana (area code 319, prefix 622) from Amana Colonies Telephone Company dba HickoryTech (HickoryTech). As a result of this sale, South Slope will provide local basic telephone service to you, effective August 6, 2001.

You have the right to select a different preferred carrier for, in-state toll and state-to-state toll services, if an alternative carrier is available. All subscribers receiving this notice, even those who have arranged preferred carrier freezes through HickoryTech on the services involved in the sale, will be transferred to South Slope as indicated above, unless they have selected a different carrier before the transfer date. In addition, existing preferred carrier freezes on the services involved in the sale will be lifted and you must contact South Slope to arrange a new freeze. Your in-state and state to state toll carrier will remain unchanged unless you request otherwise.

There is no charge to you for the switch in service from HickoryTech to South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company.

South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company is confident that you will be pleased with the change. We will give you the same value of service that you currently enjoy with HickoryTech. As a result of the transaction, residential and business customers will receive a significantly expanded local calling area that will include the areas of Ely, Fairfax, Newhall, North Liberty including prefixes 632 and 625, Norway, Oxford (828), Solon (624) and Tiffin (545). Residential rates will see an increase to \$13.00 per month while business rates will increase to \$15.25 per month as set out below.

Class of service	Current rate	Proposed increase	New monthly charge	% increase
Residential	\$7.50	\$5.50	\$13.00	73
Business	\$11.00	\$4.25	\$15.25	39

In total, this represents an annual increase of approximately \$90,000.00 or 1%.

Other than the rate changes discussed above, all material terms and conditions of service will remain the same as those you enjoyed with HickoryTech.

As your new local service provider, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company will be responsible for all service issues as of August 6, 2001. In addition, South Slope will be responsible for handling any complaints filed, or otherwise raised, prior to or during the sale against HickoryTech. If you have any questions about this notice or your service, please contact our Customer Service Representatives at our local numbers (319) 227-7111 or (319) 626-2211.

To receive service you must be a member of our Cooperative. We have enclosed a packet of Cooperative information. Our Cooperative requires signed membership cards to continue to provide service. Please fill in your social security numbers, and sign the yellow membership card and return it to us.

Many of you prefer to use automatic withdrawal to pay your bills, so we have included paperwork for those that choose to pay by automatic withdrawal. This paperwork needs to be completed and returned to us.

In Cooperation



J. R. Brumley, CEO  
South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company